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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, OOI
ATTENTION : [] Theatre Forces Branch
THRU : Chief, RB/RG/CGS
FROM : Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA
SUBJECT : Status of Military Forces Near the Sino-Soviet Border
REFERENCE : Requirement No. C-DI5-82,191 (Project No. 30134-5)

1. In partial fulfillment of Requirement No. C-DI5-82,191 (30134-5), a search of the portion of the Sino-Soviet border [] (May 1965) was accomplished. In accordance with the prescribed procedure of analysing each new mission an effort was made to determine the possible changes in the type or level of military activity occurring within a 150 nm radius of the border.

2. [] covered portions of the Sino-Soviet border from about the Turkestan Military District eastward to the Sino-Soviet-Korean border.

3. The following areas listed by WAC numbers were covered.

WAC 336: No significant ground force activity was observed within this WAC area.

WAC 335: An area north and SE of Su Fu (CH) (39 28N-75 59E) was covered [] No significant ground force activity was observed.

WAC 329: The area of Wen-Su (CH) (41 16N-80 16E) was covered by [] with no significant ground force activity noted.

WAC 244: The area at Druzhba (45 15N-82 27E) was covered by [] Although no major change was observed, there appears to be a new lane or a shallow trench under construction running parallel to the lane of the tank/assault gun range nearest the field maintenance facility. Approximately 20 probable tanks, 165 trucks and 20 unidentified vehicles were observed in the vehicle park.

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WAC's 160, 244, 240, 241, 243, & 328: These areas were covered by both [] No significant ground force activity was observed at known targets within these WAC areas and no new targets were observed.

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WAC 239: Two parallel moving target runs have been added to one of the tank/assault gun ranges at the Training Area, Bezrechraya Army Barracks (50 43N-116 10E). Also, two possibly three moving target runs have been added to one other smaller tank/assault gun range.

WAC 200: An area NE and NW of Irkutsk (52 17N-104 18E) was covered [] with no new significant ground force activity noted.

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WAC 201: There was no new significant military activity observed in this WAC area. Approximately 60% of the area near Ulan Ude (51 51N-107 36E) was cloud covered.

WAC 202: The area along the rail line from an area east of Chita and south to Manchou Li (CH) was observed on excellent quality photography [] No new significant military activity was observed. Some snow can be observed in the trenching network at Otpor. The surrounding area of Manchou Li was 75% cloud covered.

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WAC 203: No new military activity or targets were observed at Svobodny (51 22N-128 08E) or at Pei (CH) (48 13N-126 31E). The areas around Pei and Svobodny were 80% cloud covered.

WAC 204: The areas at Komsomolsk and Khabarovsk were 60% cloud covered. No new significant ground force activity was observed.

WAC 198: No new ground force activity was observed along the border area within the search area.

WAC 282: The Bikin Military Installation (46 48N-134 15E) was covered [] No training was observed on the driver-crew training courses located east of Bikin. The training facilities SE of Bikin were cloud covered. Five possible tanks, 25 probable trucks and 39 unidentified vehicles/pieces of equipment were observed. The Tung An area (CH) (45 30N-131 46E) was also covered [] Analysis of the barracks area [] suggests that this area is probably civilian oriented rather than a line military unit.

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WAC 291: The Smolyaninovo area (43 17N-132 27E) was covered by [] with no training observed on the driver-crew training courses or the tank assault gun firing ranges. Approximately 130 vehicles/pieces of equipment and approximately 34 possible vehicles/pieces of equipment were observed.

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4. The pertinent information contained in this memo was transmitted via Gray Phone [redacted] Military Division, OCI on 11 May 1965.

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6. This memo is in partial response to the referenced requirement.

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